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Debentures And Carrying Charges Likely To Disappear

Vaughan May Finance Roads, "Pay As You Go" Plan

Ban Pincrest Speedway Racing Until Modern Stands Installed

Vaughan Township council has refused to allow any racing at Pincrest Speedway on Highway 7 until after seating accommodations have been renovated. As yet there is no indication that the operators of the track intend to carry out their agreement with the township to renovate before the start of the 1962 racing season.

Prior to the opening of the 1961 season the owners of the speedway said that if their operation was licensed for that year, they would ensure that the present stands would not be used subsequent to the season. Council demanded this insurance before it would issue a licence for that year because the present stands had been condemned as structurally unsound by

Oratorical Prize-winners Are Given Awards



Trustee Mrs. Ruth Castle officiated at the presentation of awards won by Richmond Hill's younger orators last week when finals were held in three of the town's public schools. With Mrs. Castle are seen Marjut Karu, pupil at the Walter Scott school, who topped the grade eights in a prepared address, winning the Floyd Perkins trophy and a shield for the best address delivered by a senior pupil. In the grade eight impromptu addresses' Judy Archer, also a Walter Scott school pupil, was winner, taking the Dr. Langstaff trophy. — Photo by Lagerquist

Markham Ensures Easter Holiday

Markham Township takes no chances when it comes to holidays. Again this year it adopted a resolution declaring Easter Monday a bank holiday, saying that such action had been requested by the banks. Bankers deny this, pointing out that Easter Monday is a statutory holiday, and is covered by the Bank Act, a federal government enactment. As well as banks, government offices are closed for the day, although business in general does not observe the day as a holiday.

No further legislation, municipal or otherwise, is necessary.

Separate Roads Account Feature Of New Project

Vaughan Township, which has already blazed a trail by deciding on a ten-year plan of road management which will see municipal roads developed in accordance with needs, will probably embark on a further ten-year plan which will see financing of its roads put on a ten-year "pay as you go" basis, it was learned this week.

If the plan is adopted by township council, which has been discussing it in committee, it will mean the end of financing road expenditures through debentures, with a considerable saving for municipal taxpayers in the way of carrying charges. Under the proposed plan, road financing will be separated completely from general accounts and included in a separate budget in the tax break-down which appears on tax notices sent out from the township office. It will also mean, if forecasts can be made with sufficient accuracy, that the part of township taxes which applies to road construction and maintenance will vary little from year to year.

Follows First Plan
Vaughan Township and another township in Western Ontario recently served as "guinea pigs" in a test plan, approved by the Ontario Department of Highways, which made a thorough survey of present road conditions and present and potential traffic. With all the factors worked out by a formula, the township was enabled to decide which roads would need improvement and, over a ten-year period, in what order improvements would be made.

Consequently, the township can now tell, with reasonable accuracy, just what its road work will be over the next decade on a year-to-year basis.

The proposed new financing plan is a natural follow-up of the road management plan, township officials say. They will endeavour to set a tax rate which, from year to year, will provide the necessary money for the year's work. Thus the municipality will know well ahead of time just what work it can do in any particular year, what the cost will be and what money taxpayers and provincial government grants will provide.

It's A Budget Plan
In its essence, the plan is nothing more than the type of budgeting which a household might follow. Granted that the head of the household continues to bring home his pay regularly, the housewife knows what part of that money should go for certain requirements, such as groceries, and reserves the necessary amount for the quantity which experience tells her she will have to buy. Vaughn is doing exactly this with its road management plan, backed by its road financing plan.

The head of the household might fall sick, or for some other reason family income might be reduced. Purchases would have to be reduced, as income drops. The same thing, Vaughn officials say, might happen to the corporation. A depression might necessitate a holding back of its construction and maintenance. Then in equal measure the levy would be reduced.

It Grows With Growth
The township, already a fast-growing one, might find road demands increase as new housing, new population pours in. Then, say officials, the increased assessment would provide the funds needed, without throwing a heavier load on older and older residents. They rely on that to a large extent for keeping the road tax rate constant.

Vaughan's outstanding road debentures at the present moment are around \$90,000. They would be paid off, year by year, with part of the money "saved" from road tax. As the amount declines, more ready money would be available for current maintenance and construction.

Town, Townships To Split \$10,000 Rebate From TTC
Richmond Hill and Vaughan and Markham Townships will receive \$10,000 from the Toronto Transit Commission, a rebate of overcharges made some years ago, it was learned this week. Richmond Hill, a 60 per cent owner of the franchise of the North Yonge bus lines, will receive \$5,000. The two townships will get \$2,500 each. The municipalities are responsible for any deficits incurred by the buses and share in any profits, which in recent years have dropped considerably.

In Richmond Hill the whole town shares in the financing. In Vaughan and Markham the arrangement is applicable only to the first concession in each case.

The auditors for the municipalities, McDonald, Currie and Company, said that agreement had been reached with the TTC auditors as to the amount due. They recommended acceptance of the amount and, at their council meetings this week, all municipalities agreed. They will have to bear auditor's costs said to be several hundred dollars.

Ottawa Meeting Result

A discussion in connection with railway crossings in Markham Township will be arranged about May 4th, if possible, the municipal council decided at its regular meeting. Representatives of the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board, the township, the Canadian National Railway, the township planning board, together with the township's solicitor, are expected to be present. Attendance of Frank McGee, M.P. for York-Scarboro, is also anticipated.

The planned meeting is an offshoot of a recent visit to the Minister of Transport at Ottawa by Reeve Wilfred Dean, the situation, if possible.

Police Committee To Study Again

Restaurants Return To Attack Against Out-of-town Business

Acting on behalf of restaurant owners in Richmond Hill, Norman Todd, solicitor, pointed out to Richmond Hill Town Council some time ago that operators of "snack wagons" who paid only a small licence fee were cutting into the business of established operators who maintain well-equipped premises and paid heavy taxes. Council at that time shrugged off the complaint, indicating a belief that it was competition which

Event Honouring Miss E. Izzard's Leaving Planned

Miss Edna Izzard will end a long connection with Richmond Hill High School this year, when she retires at the end of June after completing 32 years on the staff.

A banquet in her honour will be held at the school on Saturday, May 26, and in the meantime efforts are being made to ensure that every one of the many students who passed through her hands is aware of the event. While letters are being sent to an extensive list it is obviously impossible for any list to contain all names. Therefore former students receiving them are being asked to pass word along.

Tickets for the event will be available at the York Central District High School office at 25 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill. May 10th has been set as the ticket deadline.

Bargain Sweeper Bought For Town May Banish Dust

The dust which has resulted when local streets are cleaned may be a thing of the past for Richmond Hill citizens. Purchase of a mechanized road sweeper was authorized by town council this week, on the recommendation of the works committee. It is eight years old, cost between fourteen and fifteen thousand when new, had been thoroughly reconditioned and could be bought for \$1,000, councilors were told.

The bargain was traceable, it was said, to the City of Toronto's plan of scrapping equipment when it reached a certain age no matter how good its condition was. The machine which the Hill would buy was one of three and was in excellent shape. Works Commissioner O. Whalen told council.

If rented, he said, the machine would cost \$12 an hour. It sucked up sand and debris, thus eliminating the nuisance of dust blowing into homes and stores.

Hospital Construction Nears

Plan Sod Turning For May

Unless there are unforeseen delays the ceremonies marking the turning of the first sod of the new hospital on Vaughan Road, should take place in the first week of May, Douglas H. Storms, head of the York Central Hospital Board, said this week.

Tenders for the building, to be located in Vaughan Township just beyond the borders of Richmond Hill on the Vaughan Road, close on April 25th. They will be opened immediately by the building committee of the hospital and will then be turned over to the architects for their recommendation. When that is received the winning tender will go to the full board of the hospital.

After that several steps - all designed to ensure that the project is properly handled - have to be taken. Approval has to be given first by the York County Hospital Commission. When this is received the Ontario Hospital

Old Water Tower Ends Long Career

An old landmark, the water tower at Trench Street, is to disappear before May 15th, Richmond Hill Town Council decided Monday. It has stood in its present position since 1921. It will cost the town nothing to have it removed, it was reported. Federal and provincial governments will pay three-quarters of the labour cost under the winter works program and the wrecker will get the salvage, said to amount to about nine tons, as the balance of its remuneration.

Seconding the motion to have the old tower taken down, Reeve Floyd Perkins said that his grandfather had been on the old village council when the tank was erected.

Street Widening For North Yonge Making Progress

The widening of Yonge Street North from Levedale Road to the Elgin Mills Road moved a step closer to becoming reality at Richmond Hill Town Council meeting when instructions to prepare a by-law were given.

Following a meeting between the works committee of Vaughan Township and Richmond Hill and officials of the Department of Highways the necessary steps were agreed on. After the by-law is prepared by Richmond Hill it will be sent to Vaughan Township for approval. The township will then adopt a by-law granting Richmond Hill's request for control. On the passage of both by-laws the project could then go ahead. The Department of Highways, said Reeve Floyd Perkins, pays for the work of widening the highway from three to four lanes.

Leads To Lights

Installation of four traffic lights planned for Yonge Street had been delayed because of negotiation in connection with the highway widening, said Mayor James Haggart. This work could now go ahead and he expected that lights would be in place by May 1st. They will be located at Crosby Avenue, Levedale Road, Industrial Road and Elgin Mills Road, supplementing the present lights at the Markham Road and Centre Street.

\$95,000 And No Report Irks Deputy

Scrap Over Police Administration Surges Again In Markham Township

For nearly a hundred thousand dollars, Deputy Reeve Lawson Mumberson told members of Markham Township this week, the municipality was entitled to an annual report from the chief of police showing what had been done in solving cases. "Some municipalities smaller than this have already produced their annual reports," he declared. "At \$95,000 you might as well pay for what is being stolen in this township," he asserted, as he repeated his former charges that there was no justification for taking two additional men on the force last year.

"No reasons have been given," he declared. "There is no report to show whether crime increased enough to make the employment of two more men necessary. There is nothing to show how many cases were solved."

"Are you just taking it for granted that these cases are cleaned up?" he asked as the monthly report of the township's police department was presented. It listed the number of charges under various headings

Cost Of Calls Said High

Unauthorized Fires, Fireworks To Be Reconsidered In Markham

Fires and fireworks came under discussion at Markham Township Council meeting when Councillor Charles Hoover asked what had happened to a by-law covering the sale and discharge of fireworks, which was before council in recent weeks. As council was reluctant to deal with it the last time it was up for consideration it had not been put on the agenda, said Township Clerk Harry Crisp.

Councillor Allan Sumner said that he would like to see it passed. When other council members seemed lukewarm, Reeve Wilfred Dean reminded them "It's different when we get the bill for fires." The by-law will reappear on the agenda at council's next meeting.

The topic was one which should be discussed by Markham, Vaughan, Richmond Hill and other municipalities in the co-ordinating committee now being revived, said Deputy Reeve Mumberson.

Determined that, if humanly possible, their portion of this year's rate would not exceed that of last year, the finance committee has been meeting consistently in a "whittling" program. The effort under way as "The Liberal" goes to press is the final one and the tax rate will be struck during the afternoon.

Vice-principals Donate New Trophy

Finalists from all of the town's public schools met at the MacKillop school, Gully King, won the impromptu address section, carrying the banner for Crosby Heights school.

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Easter Paraders To Centre Given Chance At Prize

With Easter only a week away, merchants in the Richmond Heights Shopping Centre are preparing for the traditional pre-Easter shopping rush, and the wave of early spring buying. This year will see April 12th, 13th and 14th as key days, with retailers in the centre featuring special events to make shoppers welcome.

Fitting into the season, a fashion show will be a highlight of the three-day shopping jamboree. It will be — unless one of those late season snow-storms prohibits it — an outdoor function. Models featuring men's and women's wear will parade around the centre, with children's wear, furs, footwear and jewellery also being shown. Elevated platforms at intervals will give an opportunity for the models to be properly viewed. Commentaries, naturally, will tell what is what in the fashion world.

For the children there will be free Easter eggs and, in keeping with the season, junior bunnies and baby chicks will be blended into the scenery.

Cash Prizes Planned
Five fortunate individuals will find the cost of their Easter shopping materially reduced. Leaflets which have been broadcast have space for names and addresses. During the three-day event receptacles for these leaflets will be available at the centre. For the first five people whose names are drawn on the Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. there will be cash prizes of \$20 each.

Relief Payments Decline In 1962

The welfare situation in Richmond Hill was far better than it was a year ago, members of town council learned at their last meeting. In March twelve heads of families, with 46 dependents, and nine single persons were receiving assistance. General relief amounted to \$945.10 with old age pension supplementary expenditure totalling \$30 and nursing home expenditure amounting to \$389.50.

In March, 1961, 28 families were assisted, the total relief amounting to \$2,273.65. Total for the first three months of 1961 was \$6,388.12. This is the gross amount before provincial subsidies, which amount to 80 per cent of relief payments. Total to date for 1962 is \$5,147.44.

Winners Decided As Orators Meet To Battle For School Leadership

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